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6 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
7 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
8 AT SEATTLE

9 MOHAMMAD ALI FARHANGFAR,

10 Petitioner,

11 v.

12 A. NEIL CLARK, Field Office Director,
13 U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement,

14 Respondent.

CASE NO. C08-1578-RSL-JPD

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION

15 On December 5, 2008, petitioner Mohammad Ali Farhangfar, proceeding pro se, filed a
16 Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2241, challenging his detention by
17 the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. (Dkt. 14). On January 15, 2009, however,
18 respondent filed a Motion to Dismiss the Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus as Moot, along
19 with documentation indicating that petitioner was removed to Canada on January 12, 2009, and
20 that petitioner's habeas petition has become moot and should be dismissed. (Dkts. 26 and 27).

21 The Court agrees with respondent that petitioner's habeas petition has become moot and
22 should be dismissed. For a federal court to have jurisdiction, "an actual controversy must exist
23 at all stages of the litigation." *Biodiversity Legal Foundation v. Badgley*, 309 F.3d 1166, 1173
24 (9th Cir. 2002). "When a controversy no longer exists, the case is moot." *Id.* Because
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1 petitioner has been removed and is no longer detained by ICE, the Court finds that petitioner's
2 request for release from detention should be dismissed as moot. *See, e.g., Cooney v. Edwards,*
3 *971 F.2d 345, 346 (9th Cir. 1992)* (holding that the District Court properly dismissed plaintiff's
4 claims that had become either moot or unripe). Accordingly, I recommend that this action be
5 dismissed without prejudice. A proposed Order accompanies this Report and
6 Recommendation.

7 DATED this 21st day of January, 2009.

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9 JAMES P. DONOHUE
10 United States Magistrate Judge
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